1588. [*Transferred to the 27th March, 1990*].

Joint venture with Hungary for the production of automobile spare parts by MUL

1589. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Hnugary have agreed to set up joint ventures for the production of automobile spare parts and components which are required for Indian made Maruti cars in Hungary:

(b) if so, what are the details of the joint ventures proposed to be set up;

(c) whether the export of Maruti cars to Hungary will be boosted as a result of setting up of joint ventures; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Prevention of Heart Disease

1590. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allocate special budget for prevention of heart disease;

(b) whether Government are also aware that cases of heart disease are increasing in the country; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to evoke public awareness about this disease and suggest preventive measures?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILMANI ROUTRAY): (a) A budget provision of Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been allocated for the Rheumatic Fealer/Rheumatic Heart Disease Control Programme during the year 1989-90.

(b) and (c) There is no scientific data available on trends of incidence of heart disease in India. An apparent increase in heart disease cases may be due to increase in awareness among doctors and the public about the disease and better diagnostic facilities available and more cases in younger age group being checked. Government is seized with the problem of heart disease in the country and efforts are being made to strengthen the health education activities through mass media, prevention and treatment of disease with the guidance of an Expert body.

Overcharging by M|s. Merind

1591. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has worked out the amount overcharged by M/s. Merind in respect of Dexamethasone and its salts both on drugs as well as finished medicines based on these drugs;

(b) if so, what is the period for which M/s. Merind overcharged the public and what is the period for which amount has been worked out;

(c) when was the communication relating to the amount due sent to the company and how much amount has been recovered upto 19th March, 1990; and

(d) what is the position of the recovery of the balance amount?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) A Special Team was constituted determine the amount recoverable from all the companies (including M/s. Merind) involved in the Supreme Court case. The assessment. made by the Team have been reviewed by the Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser of Ministry of Industry. The Review Reports have been received and are under examination. Hence amount due has not been finalised.